


In Quotes

“Environment protection is related to our culture. Had we continued with this heritage of the protection of environment today, we could have presented a big example before the world.”

-Harsh Vardhan  
Environment Minister

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It's a protest!

# A not so ‘aam’ story

If there is something that has the potential to trigger a debate in India other than ‘anti-nationalism’ and ‘demonitisation’, it has to be mangoes. Whether Dusscheri is sweeter than Chausa or Totapuri is as good, we turn connoisseurs, when it comes to mangoes. The love for the fruit runs deeper than the blood in our veins. **Shilpa Raina, GT Network** explores its journey from the sapling to the tree.

Summers - the time of the year when 1 billion Indians become warriors, braving the onslaught of sveltering heat. In this torrid war-zone, amidst the bitterness of sweat and heat, not all sweetness is lost, courtesy – ‘Mangoes’. Summers are also the time of the year when several varieties of the ubiquitous king of fruits - mango, are available across India and consumed in large numbers with an equal passion. Immersed in cold water to absorb heat, the fruit is sometimes savoured with sticky hands one after the other, cut into slices on slightly luxurious occasions and makes way to jars in *aam chutneys*, *aam ras* and the like as the mothers and grandmothers decide to make the most of the mango season. Greedy that Indians are for mangoes, they do part away with it once in a while making the fruit a popular gift option, even if it does not come wrapped in fancy ribbons. But for reasons more than eating and gifting, the national fruit is a symbol

of pride. Here’s tracing its journey from the past to contemporary times

**Once upon a time, a fruit was born... ...the world would later call it mango**  
It is believed that the history of mangoes in India is 4,000 years old, but if scientific evidence is something to go by, then this claim needs a second glance. The evidence indicates that the juicy fruit, which was known as Amra-Phal then, first made its

appearance some 25 to 30 million years ago in Northeast India, Myanmar and Bangladesh, from where it travelled to Southern India. After reaching South India, the fruit was rechristened as ‘mangka’ or ‘man-gay’, which means mango in Tamil. The name was further changed to ‘maanga’ when it reached the port city, Kerala. And, once the Portuguese settled in Western India, they were fascinated by the fruit and gave

it its modern day universal name — mango. While India became a cradle for its produce, the fruit was introduced to the Western world only 400 years ago. Spreading a word about the fruit to the world was the earliest writer-traveller, Hiuen-Tsang, who in his writings has mentioned how Indian kings planted these trees along roadsides and highways as a symbol of prosperity.

**Soon, mango grew in popularity... ...and became the apple of Mughals’ eye**  
This fruit occupied an important place during the Mughal rule in India. Such was the obsession of Mughal rulers with mangoes that love for it flowed seamlessly from one generation to another. The first one to succumb to flavours of the fruit was the Mughal emperor, Babur. Daulat Khan Lodi invited Babur to India to fight Rana Sanga of Mewar and in turn promised him a part of the Lodi empire along with war booty. Despite the lucrative prize, Babur was not convinced to fight the war and looked for something more unique. And that something more unique was mangoes. He became so fond of the fruit that not only did he fight well, but also lay the foundation of his empire in India along with the love for the fruit in the entire dynasty. Love for the fruit, now embedded deeper than the DNA, was inherited, successor after successor. As Humayun fled India towards Kabul, he ensured a steady supply of Mangoes. Akbar built Dar-bangha, where over a hundred thousand mango trees was grown. This was the earliest instance of grafting of mangoes. This fascination bordered obsession when Shah Jahan punished his own son Aurangzeb for eating all the mangoes in the palace. Such was the significance of the fruit that later, Aurangzeb too sent a box of mangoes to the king of Persia to support him in the war for his throne.

....Continue savouring love for the king of fruits on page 5



# Fighting against the odds

**D**r Sohani Verma, president, Indian Fertility Society, and member of British Fertility Society, UK, is a well known name in the field of IVF. With an experience of over two decades, she has several achievements to her credit including establishment of an IVF programme and semen bank at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital. **Radha Sharma, Alumnus, Amitasha**, shares few excerpts of their conversation during the Amitasha Annual Day at Amity University, Noida.

“Women in this country have for long been struggling to find a foothold. Initiatives like Amitasha provide them the opportunity to carve their own place in the society. Amitasha comes as a blessing to parents who want to

send their girls to school, but are unable to do so because of the lack of funds. The school not just provides them free education but also imparts strong values that lay the foundation of a strong character. My organisation and I have always supported Amitasha with passion and have been regular donors for the cause.”

**-On Amitasha’s zeal to empower the girl child**

“Earlier there wasn’t much one could do about infertility. But after intense research and successful experimentation, science has given us several treatment options. There are nearly 50 types of medical treatments available currently, around the world, and the number is increasing because of active research in this field.”

**-On effective treatment options for infertility**

“Unfortunately, infertility is still considered a social stigma. For the society to change, the change must begin at an individual level. Being a parent is a deep desire



for many. Sadly enough, there are many for whom parenthood is an unfulfilled dream. While some people accept it as a part of their destiny and move on, there are others who suffer from depression. But despite available treatments, not many people are willing to avail it because of the numerous myths that surround the same. The need of the hour is

to inform people and dispel these myths.”

**-On dealing with the social stigma surrounding infertility**

“When IVF was newly introduced in India, lack of awareness gave rise to a lot of myths and misconceptions. The public was largely suspicious of this treatment. But with growing knowl-

edge and awareness, people are now undertaking this procedure. We may have come a long way but there are still miles to go.”

**-On acceptance of IVF**

“Sperm donation is certainly a taboo in the country. Even though there are a lot of people opting for this procedure, they are wary of sharing the same in

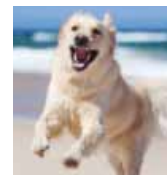
Career Highlights

- 14 years of international work experience in OBGY at various hospitals in UK
- Four years work experience as Sr Infertility & IVF Specialist at Sheffield Fertility Centre & Jessop Hospital for Women
- More than 100 presentations and lectures at various national and international conferences.
- Several publications in various journals and book chapters.

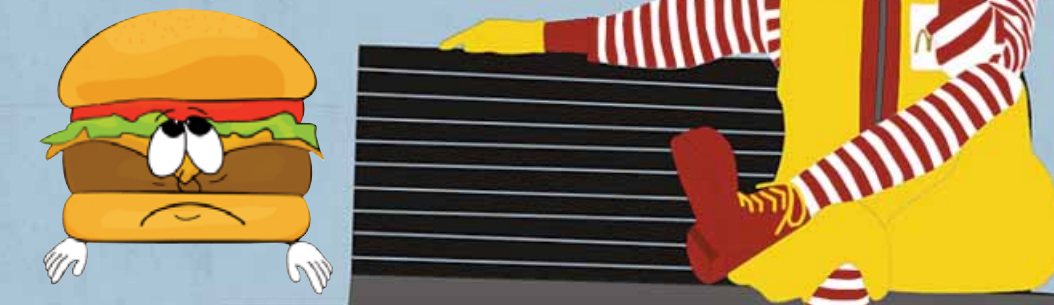
public. The reason being the stigma attached to sperm donation for it is considered non-ethical. There is a need to discuss this subject more openly on public platforms, eradicating the fear of shame that comes with it.”

**-On sperm donation being a taboo**





# No more happy meals



*If you are a Delhite and are craving for a McDonald's meal, you'll possibly have a tough time hunting for your favourite junk food outlet. And the reason is...*

**Romika Chakraborty**  
GT Network

**Reported:** About 43 out of 55 McDonald's outlets in Delhi were shut down.

**The tussle:** The Connaught Plaza Restaurants Pvt Ltd (CPRL), McDonald's franchise for North and East India operation, failed to secure the Eating House Licenses for a number of their outlets. The licenses have

expired and the CPRL has temporarily suspended the operation of these various outlets.

## The opinion

Are you kidding me? How am I going to go rolling over the weekend without crispy fries dunked in barbeque sauce and a Mcflurry oreo? On second thoughts, it's a blessing in disguise, to keep away from junk food. They had opened outlets in almost every market and shopping mall, with Delhites swooning for their yummy yet unhealthy food options. Until they reopen, let's train our taste buds to enjoy healthy food.

**Madhav Sharma,**  
AIS Saket, VII A

Shocked and annoyed! Why have they closed children's favourite hangout place? My favourite is happy meal and I have a collection of its toys, moreover, my mom never says 'No' to McD's and happily allows me to have

my mouth watering meal anytime. I wish it opens soon.

**Anirudh Jain,**  
AIS Vas 1, V B

Who wouldn't want a budget friendly meal? But if cheap food comes with negative consequences for the health, then I guess shutting down of McDonald's is nothing to be sad about. When the customer is paying a decent amount for goods and services, then proper safety and hygiene standards is the bare minimum that s/he expects.

**Varunavi Chauhan,**  
AIS Gur 46, XII F

As a result of the squabble between the departments and founders, many people have lost their jobs. Nearly 1700 employees of the company now stand unemployment with no fault of their own. And that is something -'Nobody is lovin' it'.

**Kaveri Mathur,**  
AIS MV, X

# One country - one tax?

With two weeks under GST, here is how the young minds are trying to gauge the system

**Tanya Sutradhar**  
GT Network

Post-independence India's 'tryst with GST' finally occurred on July 1, 2017, after the government launched the Goods and Services Tax at the stroke of midnight hour. The bill met with a lot of enthusiasm all over India, even if the general public was not sure about what it is or how it will affect. We bring you some reactions.

Decreased tax evasion will also lead to decreased corruption. As GST is a new taxation system altogether, it will take some time before it settle down with the common man. However, the positive implications of the same will stand

out in the long run.

**Poorvi Kar,** AIS Gur 46, XII

GST has been a hotly debated subject over the past months. But I, for one, am not entirely sure as to what exactly this is. I understand the idea as a way of reducing indirect taxes. But where does the money from those (non-nullified) taxes lead to an increase in revenue and transparency? Such questions, I cannot answer.

**C.Iyer Akshara,** AIS Noida, XI

It was originally going to be the

sole indirect tax levied on commodities. But as it turns out, the constitutional amendment has left several loopholes in the implementation, evoking concern from the masses. I think the 12% taxation on necessities including feminine hygiene products was extremely disappointing. Considering how new tax is, it's early to conclude.

**Khushi Ko,** AIS Saket, XI E

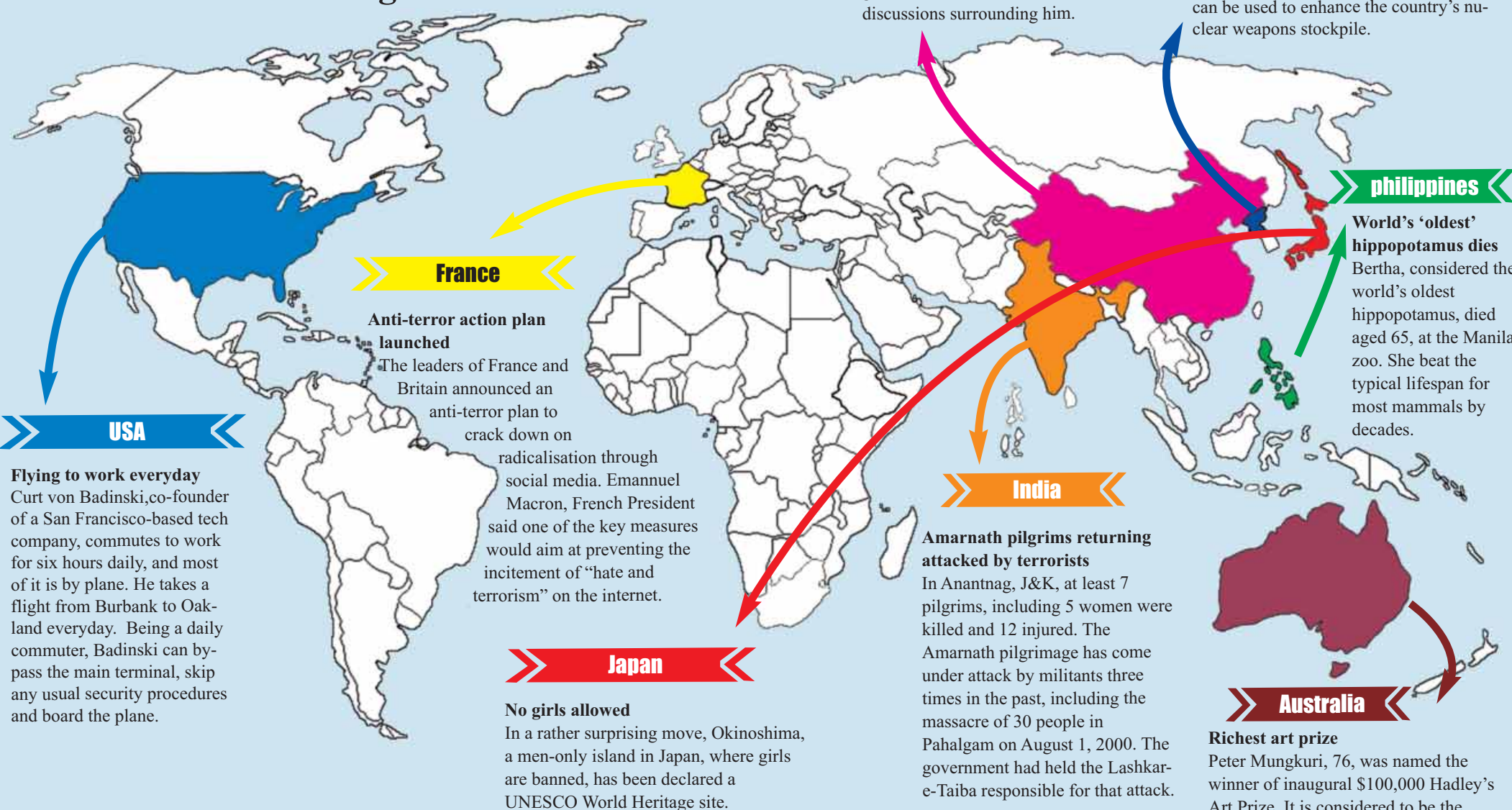
Complications are bound to take place with the Centre struggling to fulfill needs of the states and the Union territory, and also with the loss of states' autonomy to direct rates. The tedious task left is to support the implementation of GST.

**Ramsha Matin,**  
AIS Vas 6, X D



# World at a glance

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There are more than 150 dog breeds, divided into 8 classes namely hound, sporting, working, terrier, toy, non-sporting and herding.

# The guiding force in life

Holding our hand, guiding us at every step, a teacher shapes our lives in more ways than one can imagine. Enumerating their conspicuous and not so conspicuous roles

**AIESR, AUUP**  
**Swadha Bhartia, Ph D**

In the journey of life, one needs a person who is a friend, a philosopher, a mentor or a guide. We all may end up finding him/her in a father, a mother, a husband, a sister or a best friend. But chances are, you will find this constant pillar of support in a teacher. The famous poet Kabir once said, “If a man is to choose between the Almighty and a teacher, he should choose a teacher as he is the one who has shown him the path to God.” These lines perhaps best acknowledge the significance of a teacher in a person’s life. A teacher constantly guides us in every sphere of life, helping us build a strong foundation; chides us when we are in the wrong, encourages us when we are down and low, is our biggest cheerleader when we succeed, and holds our hand through everything that life throws us. This article acknowledges the numerous roles that a teacher plays in our lives.

“Parampara, Pratishtha, Anushasan. Yeh iss Gurukul ke teen stambh hai. Yeh woh

*aadarsh hain jinse hum aapka aane waala kal banaate hain.”* A good teacher is someone who not only paves the way for his/her student towards the path of attaining academic excellence, but also on the path of enlightenment. S/he imparts virtues and human values that lay the foundation of character of an individual. Quite often, in the race to make it to the top, virtues like humility, honesty, patience etc tend to take a backseat. It is only a teacher who engrains these values in a student, through her lessons, both inside and outside the classroom. She guides the students, enabling them to see the difference between right and wrong, and helping them choose the righteous path.

*“Life is a race, if you don’t run fast . . . you will be like a broken undaa.”* This famous dialogue from the movie ‘Three Idiots’ implies that in today’s fast paced world, all of us are in some

kind of a rat race. As we engage in the rush to outperform and outshine, we are sometimes tempted to take a shortcut, which quite often may not be the right path. It is in situations like these that a teacher comes to the rescue. While s/he encourages us in our pursuit of success, s/he at the same time motivates us to stay on the right path, even if it seems tough. She is the one who constantly teaches her pupils that life is not a bed of roses, so one needs to keep fighting in order to survive, and fight the right way.

Illustration:  
Dinesh Kumar  
GT Network



*“Aal iz well...aal iz well.”* Ernest Hemingway, a famous novelist, short story writer said that ‘counseling is a journey of various short stories’. A teacher is often considered a counselor because she understands her children and their aspirations well. Whether the doubts are personal or professional, a teacher is always around to show the path. On the professional front, she plays an active role in guiding her students to explore several career options, listens to their doubts patiently and helps them in reaching a decision when it comes to career. At the personal level, she tries to read a student’s mind, understanding the numerous challenges they face and helps them tide over the same. All this is possible because a teacher understands the strengths and weakness of her children well. And with her constant guidance, she ensures that all is well for the student.

*“Patri se hatkar bahut kam log soch paate hai.”* The traditional way of teaching can become boring, especially in the modern day, where technological advances have opened the floodgates of imagination. In this scenario, teachers, who have adapted to technological aids are picking up new skills, making teaching a fun activity. In the process, they have managed to forge a strong bond with their students. As the teachers take the unconventional path, they inspire the students to take up the path less taken. Being a part of the herd is easy but being a leader of the pack is tough. This is where a teacher steps in. She shows things that lie behind the horizon, the one that the eye tends to miss and in the process encouraging the students to think out-of-the-box and do something different.

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam once said, “A teacher’s purpose is not to create students in his own image, but to develop students who can create their own image.” And the onus of creating students like these rests with a teachers. To sum up, teachers are the real currency of our society as they create leaders of tomorrow.

## MoU with AIFF

To pave way for better football ecosystem in the country, Amity University ties up with AIFF

**AUUP**

With the objective of cooperation in development and promotion of football in India, All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Amity University Noida signed an MoU. The memorandum focused on innovation and execution of research projects and establishment of a robust education system in areas of coaching and football administration. During the ceremony, Kushal Das, General Secretary, AIFF remarked, “This is a great opportunity created by AIFF and Amity University for those interested in technical and management education in the field of football. The objective is to provide exposure to Indian professionals in state-of-the-art know-how in global

football, and also to enhance football knowledge.” Dr Balvinder Shukla, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Uttar Pradesh while referring to the MoU as a path breaking partnership averred, “This MoU will further strengthen our commitment to contribute to the development of Indian football.” Speaking on the occasion, Dr Kalpana Sharma, Director, Amity School of Physical Education and Sports Sciences expressed, “AIFF and Amity would be working towards carrying out research projects on various domestic leagues and players, developing courses in football administration and integrating coach and referee development courses within degree programs in Physical Education.”

Courtesy: Amity Media Cell



Kunal Das and Kalpana Sharma (centre) with signed MoU



Award for ‘Excellent Higher Education University in India’ felicitated at the ceremony

## Excellence in education

AUMP bags award for ‘Excellent Higher Education University in India’, reiterating Amity’s position as an educational pioneer

**Amity University, MP**  
**Sumit Narula, Director ASCO**

Amity University, Madhya Pradesh was conferred with the ‘Excellent Higher Education University in India’ award by CMAI\* during the 11th National Education Summit and Awards Ceremony on July 4, 2017. The glittering ceremony was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, and graced by several eminent educationalists and industrialists. Around 250 dignitaries marked their presence in the ceremony,

including Prof Anil D Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE; Rakesh Kumar Chaturvedi, Chairman of CBSE; Prof NK Goyal, President, CMAI Association of India and Dr Manpreet Singh Manna, Director, AICTE. The prestigious award was received by Lt Gen V K Sharma (AVSM Rtd), Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Madhya Pradesh, along with Prof (Dr) Anil Vashisht, Director, Amity Business School for empowering the young students to be socially, economically and professionally successful in life.

Addressing the audience on the occasion, Lt Gen VK Sharma (AVSM Rtd) emphasises on the need for quality in higher education. He said that it was essential to ensure that higher education in India is at par with global quality standards. He also focused on the role of private universities in ensuring quality education, and how Amity University continues to strive harder to deliver nothing but the best in every area of higher education. “This is indeed a huge honour for Amity University, Madhya Pradesh. The university always

strives for quality education and would continue to do the same,” he added. Amity’s contribution and consistent efforts in ensuring a bright future for its students was lauded by all during the ceremony. \*CMAI is India’s largest professional association known for establishing industry and academia interactions, promoting research and development in institutes, promoting Digital India, Make in India, Skill India and working for training employable students from university and institutes all across India.

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Presents

Brainleaks-209  
FOR CLASS VI-VIII

In street light, the reflector should be of  
(a) Concave mirror  
(b) Convex mirror  
(b) Plane mirror  
(d) None of these

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3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 208: (a)

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2.Yash Mishra, VIII-AFYCP, AIS PV  
3.Vani Sehrawat, X-AFYCP, AIS PV

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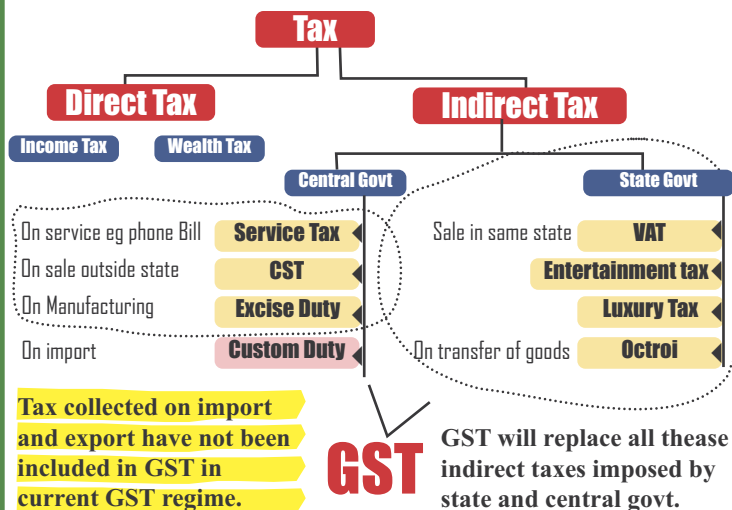
Dogs can vary in size from a 36 inch (150+ lb) Great Dane to a 2 lb Chihuahua.

## What is GST?

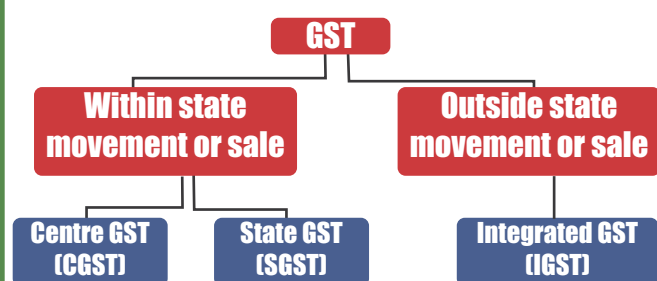
The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a value added tax, which will replace all the **indirect taxes** imposed on goods and services by the government, both central and state.

## What is Indirect Tax?

A tax imposed on goods and services rather than on **income or profit**. This kind of tax is imposed when goods and services that are bought from the market or any supply chain.

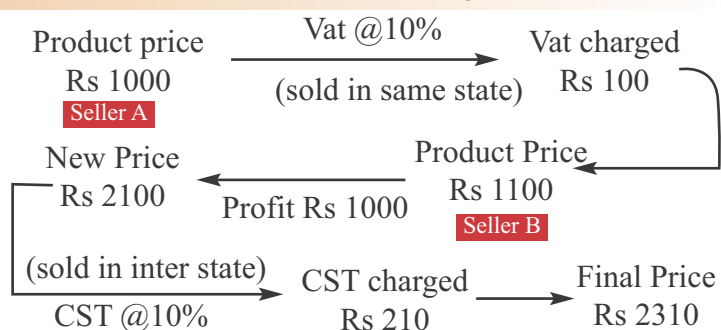


## Structure of GST

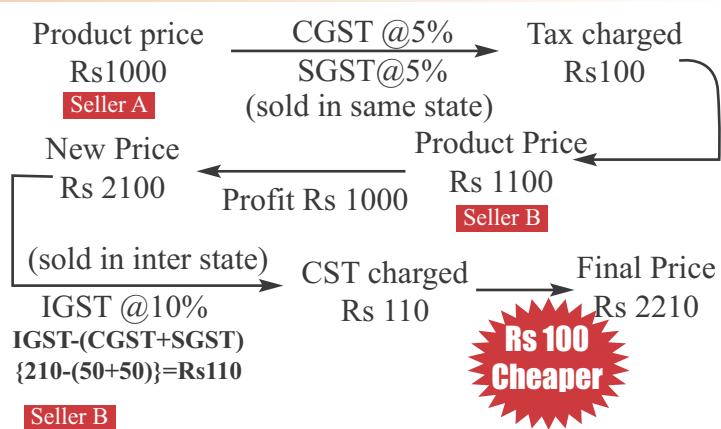


- **Central GST (CGST):** Tax to be levied by Centre
- **State GST (SGST):** Tax to be levied by State
- **Integrated GST (IGST):** Tax to be levied by central government on inter-state supply of goods and services.

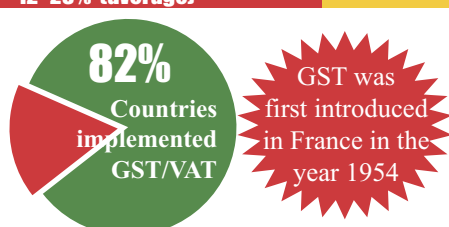
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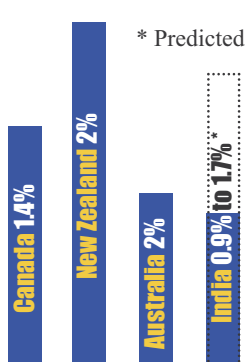
## Price calculation after GST



## GST around the world



### Rise in GDP with the coming of GST



# GST

## Goods and Service Tax



# Nation Tax Market

With the moto 'One nation one tax', the biggest tax reform 'GST' makes its debut in India after a 17 year long roller coaster ride. After the bill launch, some are confused, some are happy, some are sad, and some still sitting with pen and paper to understand this complex taxation system.

**Pankaj Mallik, GT Network, lends a helping hand.**



All Illustrations: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network

## GST Timeline

**Feb, 1986** Vishwanath Pratap Singh proposes a major reform in excise taxation structure in the budget for 1986-87.

**2000** Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee introduced the concept. A committee was set up headed by the then West Bengal Finance Minister, Asim Dasgupta to design a GST model.

**2006** P Chidambaram sets an ambitious April 1, 2010 as deadline for implementation of GST.

**2009** Pranab Mukherjee announces the basic structure of GST as designed by Dasgupta committee. BJP opposes GST basic structure

**2011** Asim Dasgupta resigns; is replaced by the then Kerala Finance Minister KM Mani

**2013** GST bill gets ready for introduction in parliament

**2014** Arun Jaitley introduces the constitution Amendment Bill and sets April 1, 2016 as deadline for GST rollout

**2015** Lok Sabha passes GST constitutional amendment bill and passes it to Rajya Sabha.

**Aug, 2016** Congress and BJP agree to pass GST Bill. It was also passed in Rajya Sabha with two third majority.

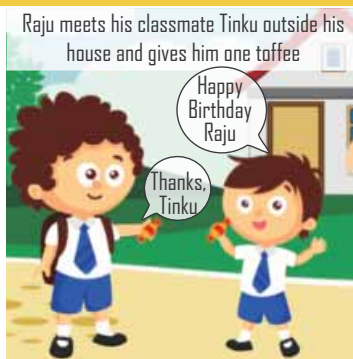
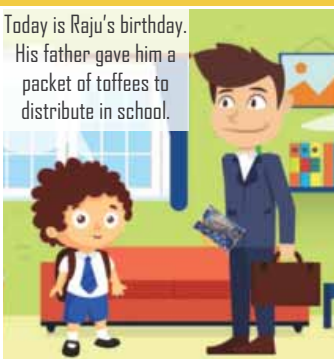
**Sep 2, 2016** President Pranab Mukherjee gives assent to GST Bill.

**Nov 3, 2016** GST council agrees on four slab tax 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%.

**June 28-29, 2017** Mamta Banerjee and Congress decide to skip GST launch.

**June 30 midnight, 2017** GST rolls out for Indian public.

### Raju's Birthday Celebration



After equal distribution of toffees, Rajul realises some of his friends were absent and very few toffees were left in the packet.



School principal came to know that few students didn't get toffee because they were absent. So, the principal decides to take the entire packet and distribute it equally amongst students from next time.



Lets understand GST through this cartoon: Birthday is business. Toffee is tax. Tinku is the local dealer who collected VAT (local tax). Guard uncle takes the entry tax. Principal is Central Government. Raju's classmates are different indirect taxes like service tax, entertainment tax, octroi etc. So, when Central government collects all the taxes, it means 'Centre' will collect all your tax and distribute it equally among the State according to their consumption, hence, GST.

### Cheaper goods and services after GST



### Costlier goods and services after GST







If a dog isn't spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate and their offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in 6 years.

# The chameleon uncle

No, this article is not about a Bollywood uncle, who suddenly turns evil. It's about everyday uncles and things they want to say

**Kaavya Sahu**

**AIS Gur 43, Alumnus**

**Concerned Uncle:** So, what are you planning to do after school is over?

**Me:** I want to become a product designer.

**Confused Uncle:** Oh, so you mean like Ritu Beri, fashion and all huh?

**Me:** What? No, not a fashion designer.

**Overly Concerned Uncle:** Okay, so what? Architecture?

**Me:** No...that's....Well, no not an architect.

Buddha, then at the other corner of the room and then takes a well calculated 39 second pause, where I assume he tries to sort his confusion (which he cannot obviously).

And then as if blitzkrieg strikes him, he comes with THE ultimate question (which he always intended to ask the moment he heard designer btw) "Isme scope hai kya?". For a moment, I feel triumphant as this was exactly what I had

predicted. I want to retaliate with a witty comeback, but then let go of that sly smile for the sake of manners and say, "Yes, there's a lot to do in this field!"

The overly disappointed uncle now changes his skin to become the 'The doubtful uncle' and smoothly asks my prediction number 2- "What is the average package you think you will be able to manage?" I applaud myself in my head for having great mind reading abilities. I look at my mom, seeking serious help, but she just sits there, hiding her smile, avoiding eye contact.

Making all the right efforts to look uninterested I say, "It depends on the college you get into, but usually it starts low." 'LOW' - the word rings in his ear loud and clear. And then the chameleon decides that it is time to get into a suggestive mood. He leans against the sofa and gives himself a 59

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second break to prepare an intellectual-sounding career advice he had longed to give to the next door neighbour's boy, since the day he saw the boy playing with a doll (but never had the chance to).

The now unpleasingly intellectual uncle opens his mouth to only prove my third prediction right and says, "You know it's only a suggestion but you could actually opt for a BE degree first, and then later go on to do whatever fashion degree you wish to do. This would only ensure a safer future, you know as engineers are earning a lot." I don't move a part of my body, I just stand there looking at him trying to un-hear the words I just heard. The next few moments I try to think for a suitable on-the-face reply but then feel my mother's eye begging for me to control. Suddenly, I feel lucky, lucky to have the best parents in the world and I simply smile and say, "I do not want to become a fashion designer." 🇮🇳

Illustration:  
Dinesh Kumar  
GT Network

The overly concerned uncle seamlessly turns into an overly disappointed uncle. So many shades in a matter of few minutes; bet he could give any chameleon a run for his money. He looks down at the Laughing



## A not so 'aam' story continued...

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**It was loved by one and all...**

**...making its way into poetry**

The famous Persian poet Amir Khusrau called the mango 'Naghza Tarin Mewa Hindustan', the fairest fruit of Hindustan. Over the years, the fruit has enraptured Indians with its versatility and sweetness. Even Rabindranath Tagore has penned several poems about the fragrant flowers of mangoes, including the very famous aamer monjori. The Nobel laureate was fond of mangoes and so was Urdu poet Mirza Asadullah Khan Ghalib and poet Sa'd Bin Ard. Interestingly, Indian literature too has references to this fruit. For instance, the opening of Arundhati Roy's "The God of Small Things" refers to mangoes. It goes something like this, "... and black crows gorge on bright mangoes in still, dust green trees. Red bananas ripen."

**And even worshipped...**

**...bringing sweetness around**

Considered as a symbol of love and fertility, the fruit finds mention in the Ramayana, Mahabharata and the Puranas. The leaf of the tree is used during several Hindu religious and social ceremonies. A pot filled with water, topped with mango leaves and a coconut, also known as puranikumbha, is an integral part of every puja. The mango leaves are said to symbolise life. Inter-



estingly, when Buddhism thrived, mango trees were considered as the beacon of knowledge and peace, and planting them a necessary act of faith.

**Wrapped as a gift...**

**...it strengthened ties**

No other fruit holds as much significance and value as mangoes, when it comes to gifting and winning people's heart. The tradition of 'gifting mangoes' goes back to the Mughal era. It went on to become a major tool of diplomacy amongst Buddhist rulers, who lavishly gifted mangoes to people, wherever they travelled. India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru too understood the diplomatic significance of this fruit and this is why he is considered to be a 'big gifter' of mangoes. The custom of gifting mangoes finds popularity even

today, as one can be seen gifting mangoes. It's this gifting culture that gives birth to numerous delivery services, both online and offline, during the mango season. And, if for a second you made that face and wondered who gives mangoes as a gift then remember, Alphonso, a variety of mango costs up to Rs 200 piece.

**Today, it is the king...**

**...of fruits and a billion hearts**

Mango has, thus far managed to be the undisputed king of fruits in the country. The fact that India has long been the single largest producer of mangoes globally, bears testimony to the same. But despite producing tons of mangoes, India's produce accounts for only one percent of the international mango trade. Why, you may ask? Well, the 1.3 billion people of the country consume

most of the millions of tons of mangoes produced annually. And that's not it. The most widely consumed beverage in the country is not your fizzy Cola, but a mango drink - Mazza, with annual sales of over \$400 million. While traditional recipes like aam panna, shakes and chutneys has been there for ages, chefs today are exploring innovative ways to bring mango on the serving plate. Starting from salads to gourmet mango burgers, the possibilities of seeing mango in a modern avatar are immense. Mango festivals held across multiple cities like Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Allahabad, Delhi, and Goa, heighten the frenzy.

So, the next time life throws lemons at you, throw it back and say, "Hey! I want more and more mangoes." 🇮🇳



Illustration: Dinesh Kumar, GT Network

## Multifaceted comrades

From the subdued to the ecstatic, school life throws at comrades in multiple hues

**Kashmita Mewal, AIS PV, XI C**

During the vague time of our school years we meet myriad friends with distinct characteristics who tardily unfurl their uniqueness. In the midst of homework, exams and tuitions, we grapple with circumstances to weal a best friend for ourselves. Till the time we reach high school there is one or a couple of pals whose absence stifles us. In this rapturous journey we tend to meet the following type of people.

**Stupendous verbiage**

Thin spectacles, a perfect attire and whose answers are always synchronised with the teacher's explanation. At first, you cannot help being impressed by him and try to get a sneak peek of his notes, but soon his tactics exhort you to believe that he is a victim of psychosis.

**Stodgy subdued**

Kind of world-weary, with a haggard look and shabby uniform, this one is always ready to share woeful penitent quotes. In the first month, you feel that he understands you the best and both of you can be laced together on the road of life, as travelers who crave the sympathy of the world.

**Hazardous ecstasy**

He is the kind of person who smiles from one ear to another, a penurious sense of responsibility of stirring mischief and whose presence fills the room exhaustively with humour. He makes you forget all your worries and makes you laugh even when not around. You love this friend and everything goes well, but soon your parents feel that you are suffering from a mental disorder due to academic stress.

**Gallant gaiety**

You will often see them performing cart wheel on benches, with a

blurred sense of practical knowledge. They are ready to swallow all the bitter consequences of their adventures. You mimic her with full enthusiasm but soon you realise that you are not as lucky as her to escape the perils of life.

**Tranquil solitude**

She is always found sitting alone in the class and gazing the blue azures of sky and is kind of a sleepy-head. You develop a desire to solve the allegory of her life. Her first interaction with you always starts by pricing her shoes, but soon you lose hope and feel that she is too densely enshrouded with mysteries that cannot be solved.

**Inflated conceit**

With an obnoxious air around them, the specimens of this kind will be often seen applauding

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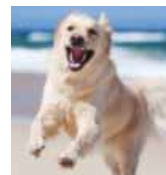
them for tasks best known to them. They are too good to even be breathing the same air as you. Passing one judgment after another on others around them tends to take a toll on them. For lack of a better explanation, they like to call themselves 'too cool for school'.

**Enthusiastic amiability**

Enshrined in every class they take, for the enthusiasm they exhibit, the students that fall in this category can often be a challenge to deal with, a laborious one at that. Answers, comments or opinion, they have it all in their arsenal, for every word that is uttered in the class. With a penchant for raising one arm in the class at all times, it comes as a little surprise that they develop robust muscles by the time the school draws to a close. 🇮🇳



Dogs can hear things, which we can't. What we can hear from 20 feet, dogs can hear it from 80 feet away.



# Labour of love



Dr Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

At its onset, the gigantic mango tree, is nothing but a small seed. We water the seed, nourish it and set it in the sunshine. The seed then grows into a tiny sapling that is vulnerable to natural calamities. If the sapling is nurtured, protected from storm and tended to, it grows on to become a healthy and strong tree. The tree then eventually give us flowers or fruits whose fragrance or flavor bears the testimony of its arduous journey.

The tiny little seed that otherwise seemed non-descript had the potential of turning into a huge tree. But the fruit of this potential can be realised only after years and years of hard work. I have come to believe that children are like seeds. They are untouched and untapped reservoirs of unlimited potential. In order to tap their malleable characteristics and imagination, they need to be in the right environment, surrounded by the right people, nourished in all three aspects – mentally, physically and spiritually. And, in no time, you will see how they flourish and bloom like fragrant flowers.

As a mother, I understand that a strong tree can only flourish when it is taken care of as a sapling. This is why at Amity, I have always stressed upon the need to nourish and protect our children, but most importantly, to appreciate the beauty within a child. Children are born with imagination and creativity, which if encouraged and channelized in the right direction, can help them achieve unimaginable heights of success. Seeing them successful and contributing in nation building is the sweet taste of success for me, much like the sweetness of mangoes. 🇮🇳

## Mango Bytes



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

When the discussion turns to mangoes, eyes sparkle and mouths water. With its rich legacy and endless variety, this 'king of fruits' is a favourite with one and all. And if you're lucky enough to have plucked a ripe one from the tree to eat, you will forever remember it whenever you are obliged to buy your mangoes from the shop. That taste lingers for life, as it did for me and many other mango lovers who have spent their childhood summer vacations in mango orchards.

During the summers, mango was often a staple at the breakfast table. "It's a complete fruit," grandma would chant as we gazed longingly at the bowed, fully laden branches of our mango trees. They were a pure invitation to be plucked, and the fruit that dropped to the ground were often picked up by a passerby for a snack. "And that's why it's called 'aam'...the 'common' fruit of a common man, free for all, to be plucked from trees, available for almost four months a year." All our protests that it is too fattening were rubbished by the numerous claims of health benefits that she would enumerate in one breath – and those claims included prevention of cancer, heart diseases, lowering of cholesterol level, improved digestion and eyesight, among others. Packed with antioxidants and over 20 varieties of minerals and vitamins, the 'aam' truly deserves the title of the 'king of all fruits,' offering the best package of flavour and nutrition.

For mango lovers who have not had enough of this fruit, the top story of this issue of The Global Times (page 1 & page 12) brings to you the authentic mango aroma, which in times gone by has held the nation together, making it truly the national fruit of India. 🇮🇳

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# More power to women

From being sensitised at an early age to playing equal roles as a parent, there is a lot that men can do in the journey of women empowerment

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Alumnus, Amitasha

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Gender: No bar

Gender should not be a limitation when it comes to exploring a person's potential. We need to stop classifying things/tasks as 'for boys only' or 'for girls only'. It's important for people to open up their mind and believe in the potential of women.

Education: Empowerment

In my opinion, education is the biggest tool for empowerment. This is the reason, initiatives like Amitasha go at great length in empowering the girl child. It is sad that girls are still considered a burden in our society. It is for this reason that there are still a large number of female foeticide cases in the country. We need to educate the girls so that they can grow up and stand on their feet. It is only then that we will start viewing girls as an asset and not a liability, the number of female. We need to focus on educating more and more people, irrespective of gender.

Sensitisation: Early on

Recently, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj suggested that boys should be encouraged to study home science. The move, she opined, will help "break the traditional mindset about women." In my opinion, imposing something is not the solution. Perhaps, the need of the

hour is gender sensitisation from an early age. We need to train the boys in the same household chores (like cooking) in which we train girls. This will help them understand that the tasks traditionally designated for girls are not menial, besides putting an end to the demarcation of tasks for boys and girls.

Parenting: Equal roles

I think it is really important that mothers nurture their child in the initial months. This is also the time to bond with them and enjoy the new journey of motherhood. At the same time, I feel, the fathers should also contribute equally in bringing up the child.

Balancing act: Needs support

Women today are challenging the stereotype that mothers need to be homebound, and sacrifice their careers. However, for a woman to be able to create an optimal work-life balance, she needs to have a supportive family. 🇮🇳

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



Dr Anita Kaul with Jyoti

# 'Second' by chance

The world always has a special place for those who come first. But what happens to those who come second ? Presenting the success stories by runner-ups

Anirban Biswas, AIS Gur 46, XII D

Everyone knows Neil Armstrong as he was the first person to set foot on the moon. But does anyone know who Buzz Aldrin is? The answer, for the majority, would be no. This is because he was the second person to reach the moon. But does that mean he wasn't accomplished enough? NO! 'Being second is no good' or so we were told. In fact, even in our tender years, no textbook ever gave much importance to people who stood second. But the truth of the matter is that not everyone who comes second or is a runner-up is a loser. There have been several instances when the second spot becomes a person's lucky charm. We bring you some of them.

Second, but still a star

In the 1994 Miss India contest, Aishwarya Rai lost out to Sushmita Sen in the race for the prestigious crown. While the former won the title of Miss Universe, Aishwarya came home with the Miss World crown - that's the second spot. But she wasn't disheartened. While both of them entered Bollywood at the same time, it was Aishwarya who managed to carve a niche for herself and she went on to be one of the highest paid actors in the industry. She also went on to become the first Indian actor to serve as a jury member in the Cannes Film Festival.



Second, but still a famous singer

At the tender age of 10, when most children are struggling with their crayons, Briney Spears had finished second in the famous competition, Star Search. Even though she was disappointed, she didn't give up. She worked hard and released many platinum hit singles like Baby, One more time, et al. She also went on to become the second person in history to fetch two consecutive singles debut at number one in Billboard Top 100.

Second, but still a champion

Steffi Graf had a rather disappointing start to her first major competition where she lost to Tracy Austin in the very first two sets of the match. But as a sportsperson should be, she was only more motivated by that defeat. She dreamt of becoming the best and eventually became the number 1 female tennis player. Her illustrious career include six French Open singles titles (second to Evert), seven Wimbledon singles titles, four Australian Open titles, also a coveted Olympic gold medal.

Second, but still a famous cook

In the final of the second series of Master Chef Australia, Callum Hann finished runner-up in a thrilling final. Even though he achieved second spot, after what can only be called weeks of gruelling cooking in the Master Chef Kitchen, he wasn't disheartened. After the show, he co-founded a culinary school, 'Sprout Cooking' in Adelaide. He also released two cookbooks, The Starter Kitchen and I'd Eat That!

Someone once said that the 'first' is always special. But then there was also another someone who said, life is about 'second' chances. And even if neither of them come your way, don't be disappointed for life is too long to be inundated by numbers. The idea is to get up and move on. 🇮🇳

(With inputs from Varunavi Chauhan  
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## Little pearls of wisdom

# The sweet labour

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Rome was not built in a day. Taj Mahal didn't happen by magic. Everything in this world that looks magnificent has been made after years and years of hard work and labour. Likewise, every successful person in this world is a product of meticulous planning, determination, perseverance, dedica-

tion, focus, patience and, of course, hard work.

Quite often, when you are on the last rung of the ladder, the journey to the top may seem like the longest. Sometimes, the road ahead may seem tough, inciting you to look for shortcuts. But, remember there is no shortcut to success.

Success can only be achieved through hard work. Of course, some-

times the going may get tough, but in situations like these, you need to be patient and continue marching ahead on the chosen path.

Think of this: you have an exam around the corner. Tired of studying, you decide to take the shortcut of cheating. But it is quite possible that during the exam, you are unable to cheat. The result? You end up flunking the exam. On the other hand, the longer road to acing that exam would comprise endless hours of dedicated studying. Sure, studying endlessly for



an exam requires more effort than cheating, but it is a foolproof way of clearing the exam.

The bottomline of the story is that there is no substitute for hardwork and labour. And the fruit of labour is always sweet.





It's a myth that dogs can only see black and white. In fact they can see colours – just not as vividly as humans.

# The ABC of Jallianwala Bagh

50 British Indian troops and 1650 bullets - that's what it took to convert a garden full of life into a graveyard for thousands of Baisakhi pilgrims and peaceful protestors

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



“Amritsar.” Ritika rejoiced as soon as she read that word on her holiday homework. Wanting to visit the city for long, she was ecstatic on knowing that she had to write a report on Amritsar. Now her parents would be left with no option but to take her to the city. So, Ritika, along with her elder sister Meenal and her parents set off to the city she had always read about.

Once in the city, they visited a number of places including Golden Temple, Maharana Ranjit Singh Museum, Company Bagh, Rambagh Gardens and finally, they reached the Jallianwala Bagh. While Ritika had enjoyed visiting all the places, she did not feel the same way about Jallianwala Bagh. The place seemed rather forlorn. She came across a wall riddled with bullet holes. Perplexed, a number of queries clouded the mind of the young girl. And she threw a volley of questions at her elder sister Meenal...

**Ritika:** Why are there so many bullet holes in this wall?

**Meenal:** Well, these bullet marks that you see are a result of the firing that took place here on the 13th of April, 1919.

**Ritika:** Firing? What for? Were

there any terrorists here?

**Meenal:** \*Laughing\* No, 1919 was the pre-independence era. So, there were no terrorists then. The people who were fired were normal people, including pilgrims, who had gathered together to celebrate Baisakhi. They wanted to hold a peaceful protest.

**Ritika:** So, why were they fired?

**Meenal:** General Reginald Dyer, Amritsar's acting military commander, thought that the gathered people were rebels, who were trying to isolate General's forces and cut them off from supplies. So, he reached this place, with 50 British Indian troops and opened fire at them.

**Ritika:** But what about the law? Did he not know that it is a crime to kill someone?

**Meenal:** Like I said, it was the pre-independence era. It was the era of the British Raj. And the law itself gave him the permission to fire at people.

**Ritika:** What kind of law is that?

**Meenal:** On March 18, 1919, an anti-militancy law, Rowlatt Act was passed by the British Indian Govt which stated, “to imprison any person suspected of terrorism living in the Raj for up to two years without a trial, and gave the imperial authorities power to

deal with all revolutionary activities.” It banned public gatherings as well. And since a large number of people had gathered at Jallianwala Bagh, it violated the order, giving the General the legal powers to open fire at them.

**Ritika:** Did the people not try to run away or fight the troops?

**Meenal:** The people inside the garden were unarmed, since they had gathered for a peaceful protest. They were not even aware of the fact that death was at their doorstep. All the exit gates were closed.

Dyer asked the soldiers to reload their guns multiple times and without issuing any warning to evacuate the place, he ordered the troops to fire men, women, and children.

The open fire continued for 10 minutes till the time ammunition was exhausted. Approximately 1,650 bullets were fired. The terrified crowd tried their best to escape but were unable to. The shooting was not the only thing that took lives but also stampede to flee away from the spot.

**Ritika:** So many people must have been killed then?

**Meenal:** The death toll estimated by British Raj officials was that of 379 people killed and 1100 injured in the attack. However, ac-



cording to the INC, the actual numbers were more than 1500 injured, over 1000 killed.

Around 120 bodies were collected from the well in the Bagh. Many of them were wounded and could not move. General Dyer refused to help. “It was not my job. The military situation did not allow that,” he said.

**Ritika:** It must have been such a sad scene to witness!

**Meenal:** Several books that talk about the Jallianwala massacre say that the colour of the garden changed, the colour of soil changed as there were only dead bodies of women, children and men. The red blood stained the whole ground and marks of body piercing bullets could be seen on

the walls of the Bagh. This garden that was indifferently walled and was once no more than a dumping ground, had now become a graveyard.

**Ritika:** This is such a sad story. I thought Amritsar was a very happy place.

**Meenal:** It indeed is a sad story, one that paved way for the happiness of the country - its independence. Jallianwala Bagh massacre was one of the significant incidents in the country's freedom struggle. It is because of the so many people who lost their lives that you and I stand here today - FREE.

**Ritika:** The owners of this place must have been very sad to see their once beautiful garden in such a sorry state.

**Meenal:** I am sure they must have, as was the rest of the country, back then. In fact, this place gets its very name from its owners. Jallianwala Bagh was the property of Sardar Himmat Singh, a noble in the court of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, who originally came from the village of Jalla, now part of Fatehgarh Sahib District, Punjab. The family of Himmat Singh was known

as Jallhevale. And that is how this simple garden spanning across 225 x 180 meters got its very name.

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# Those two words



Storywala

Ananya Dash  
AIS Gur 43, X

Stiffling a yawn, I sat in the drawing room lazily, staring at the TV, while my brother was making a toy car out of Lego blocks. We both were fairly happy and the house was quiet since we weren't at each other's throat today. Just as if God was reading my mind, a familiar voice wafted through the house, "Rahul! What are you doing? The community bus is waiting for you outside for the past five minutes!

Pack your things and go right now!" my mother screamed. I got up and packed some of my games and books, and resigned to my fate.

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The activity incharge explained us few rules about the place. I was a little nervous, since I was visiting an orphanage for the first time, as a part of community service. As we entered the orphanage, I had mixed emotions but once the echoes of laughter emanated from the house, it eased my nervousness.

Smiling and playing, the kids at the orphanage were just like any of us. "This is not all that bad," I thought to myself and began to sit down on a chair kept closeby. And yet again God read my mind. Just as I was about to sit, someone pulled back my chair and I fell down. As I got up I saw every one laughing at me. I was furious and immediately turned around to get hold of the boy who had played this prank on me. But before I could catch him, he ran away. I followed him across the house to catch the lit-

The room was empty and there I saw the boy standing close to a wall that had two words written on it.

tle monkey. Suddenly, I saw him swish into a room and followed him inside. The room was empty and there I saw the boy standing close to a wall that had two words written on it. The boy ran his hands gently over the two words. I had said those words quite often, perhaps without fully acknowledging the worth they hold. Now over the urge to retaliate the mischief, I stepped out of the room. Once I composed myself, I took out the gifts my mom had given me and distributed them to the kids in the orphanage.

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I still visit the orphanage every now and then. And today it isn't a mandatory community service. I like coming here for these kids have taught me a lot. They have taught me to smile in adversities and take life as it comes. Of course, I am grown up now and more mature. But I think it were those two words inscribed on that wall room that changed me - mom and dad.



## Oreo milkshake

Bhavya Jalan  
AIS Gur 46, IX

### Ingredients

Oreo biscuits .....1 packet  
Coffee powder .....3 tsp  
Chilled Milk .....700 ml  
Chocolate ice cream.....2 cups  
Sugar .....2 tsp  
Whipped cream .....As desired  
Chocolate syrup .....As desire

### Method

- Crush oreo biscuits using a blender. Keep aside 2-3 biscuits for garnishing.
- Now add milk, ice cream,

- coffee powder and sugar. Blend the ingredients well.
- If the shake seems too thick, you could add more milk. However, if you prefer your shake thick, add ice cream.
- Crush the oreo biscuits using a rolling pin. You need slightly bigger pieces, so do not crush them too finely.
- Pour the milkshake in a mason jar or a tall glass.
- Top it with whipped cream and crushed oreo biscuits.
- Drizzle chocolate sauce on the whipped cream.
- Enjoy chilled!

Read Play and Win


Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!

<b>Q:</b> What is the headline of the poem written by Harshita Prasad on p9? <b>Ans:</b>	<b>Q:</b> What does the acronym GST stand for? <b>Ans:</b>	<b>Q:</b> In which year, Dr Sohani Verma established IVF programme? <b>Ans:</b>
<b>Q:</b> Name the student who interviewed Dr Anita Kaul on p6? <b>Ans:</b>	<b>Q:</b> Which variety of mango is known as 'King of mangoes'? <b>Ans:</b>	<b>Q:</b> Who has written the article 'The sweet labour'? <b>Ans:</b>
<b>Q:</b> Mention the year in which Jallianwala Bagh massacre happened? <b>Ans:</b>	<b>Q:</b> How many teams from Amity participated in Odyssey of the Mind? <b>Ans:</b>	<b>Q:</b> How many dogs are there in the world? <b>Ans:</b>

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

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WORDS VERSE



### Shine so bright

Chetna Darwani, AIS Saket, XI

From quotidian to far  
You could be the star  
Let everyone see  
The light of your knowledge

Shine so bright  
Be the dazzling spotlight

In this world full of followers, take the lead  
To your triumphs, don't pay much heed

Once you turn your failures into success  
The beam of intelligence  
You will possess  
Even if you fall in the tunnel of dark

Shine so bright  
Be the dazzling spotlight  
Times may come when you are isolated  
You may feel helpless and even frustrated

But panic won't help, instead be steady  
This will help you claim victory  
Yet, don't let vanity  
Trounce on your wit

When above all, you will be the one  
Always be tranquil; and guide the world  
Which leads to the horizon  
But each one can't afford

To those who get trapped in the pits of murk  
Enlighten them with the same proverb  
Shine so bright  
Be the next spotlight

### Au natural

Anandi Ganguly  
AIS Noida, IX A

That time of the year when leaves turn brown  
With every stroke of wind touching them  
They flap and whistle down  
One sees the bird's deserted nest

Dancing away are clouds in the sky  
Here comes the breezy, chilly autumn wind  
Making us say "Oh My!"  
As the summer heat slowly thinned


For every leaf that twirls with breeze  
Many useful life lessons they reveal  
The falling leaves and fading trees  
Teach and caution one to live

While one eyes the landscape views  
Where endless beauties are displayed  
From burnt orange to crimson hues  
To countless shades melting into shade


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Neal Gupta, AIS PV, XII



Rainy days are good for soul



Sunshine on my mind



Hello kitty!





A dog can easily understand words and gestures like a two year old toddler does.

# The truthful thief

## Wisdom tale



Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network

Aadhya Soni, AIS Gur 46, VI

Once upon a time, there lived a thief - Ramu. Even though Ramu had robbed all his life, he had now come to repent his deeds and wanted to redeem his wrong doings. He decided to meet a learned guru, who he felt could show him the right path. The guru welcomed him with open arms. He asked Ramu to give up stealing and follow the path of honesty. Ramu decided to follow the path shown by the guru. But having robbed for so many years, Ramu had now become a compulsive thief.

As hard as he tried, he just could not give up stealing. But nonetheless, Ramu decided to follow the path of honesty and speak the truth under every circumstance. One day, he went to steal the king's treasure chest with three other thieves. It just so happened that the king, disguised as a sage, was walking through the village, around the same time. Talking to the villagers, he was trying to understand their problems. As luck would have it, the king saw the four thieves and asked, "Who are you?" While the other thieves said they were villagers, Ramu said the truth, "We are thieves!" The king was taken

aback by the thief's honesty and decided to test him further. He said, "I am also a thief. Let us steal the king's chest together." As they tried to sneak into the palace, one of the guards caught them. The guard asked, "Who are you?" While the other thieves said they were the king's courtiers, the honest thief said, "We are thieves." The guard presumed he was joking and let them in. The thieves stole treasure boxes and slipped away. The theft was discovered the next

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day. The king who knew who had stolen the chests all along, ordered his minister to calculate the number of stolen boxes. The minister was a wicked man. He hid the boxes the thieves had left behind and told the king that everything had been stolen. The king then spread a word through the kingdom, asking the thieves to appear before the king. He promised that the thieves will be let free and given a prize if they do as asked. While the other thieves fled the village, Ramu appeared before the king. "How many boxes of treasure did you steal?" asked the king. "Six boxes," replied Ramu. The king knew in an instant that the remaining boxes were stolen by his own minister and ordered that he be put behind bars. Ramu was appointed as the new minister of the kingdom. Honesty had earned its reward. 🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?

Honesty is a virtue that eventually earns its own reward.



## Kitty planters

### Materials

- Soda bottles (Coco Cola) – 1 large
- Soda bottles (Coco Cola) - 1 medium
- Scissors
- Paper cutter
- Spray Paints (any colour)- 1-2
- Paint Pens – black and pink
- Plants

### Method

- Remove the labels from the bottle and draw the outline for the kitty - two little ears on the front and a tail at the

back. (Refer image)

- Now with a paper cutter pierce through the bottle, then slide in the scissor and cut along the lines as shown in the image.
- Now pierce a hole at the bottom for water drainage.
- Paint your bottles using spraypaint with any colour of choice and let it dry.
- With black pen draw eyes, nose, and whiskers; and nose using a pink pen.
- Plant your plants like – basil, sage, rosemary and thyme in the kitty planters.



## My hero

Pragya Bogra, AIS MV, III

- My father is my hero.
- He loves me and I love him very much.
- My father is a strong man and can do everything easily.
- He plays, skips, jumps and hops with me in the park.
- We pray together and eat dinner together.
- I am the little princess of my hero.



Pragya with her father, her hero

## POEM

## A spring day

Harshita Prasad  
AIS Gurugram 46, V

It's a nice spring day  
Come along with me and play  
Let's smell the flowers and see the butterflies  
Flying with their amazing wings in the endless skies  
Oh my God! There is so much greenery  
Together, we can make a fantastic scenery  
I wish spring never goes away  
And together we do a night stay. 🇮🇳



## Jokey Pokey

Pranshul Marwaha  
AIS MV, II

water. I gave them yesterday.



**Mother:** Daisie, how was your play. Did it have a happy ending?

**Daisie:** Yes, in a way everybody was happy when it ended.



**Dad:** Did you give the goldfish fresh water today?

**Tara:** No, they did not finish the

**Patient:** Doctor, I broke my arm in two places!

**Doctor:** Don't go back to these places.



**Dad:** How much did you score in your Math exam?

**Son:** 15 marks lower than Ram.

**Dad:** How much did Ram score?

**Son:** 15 marks

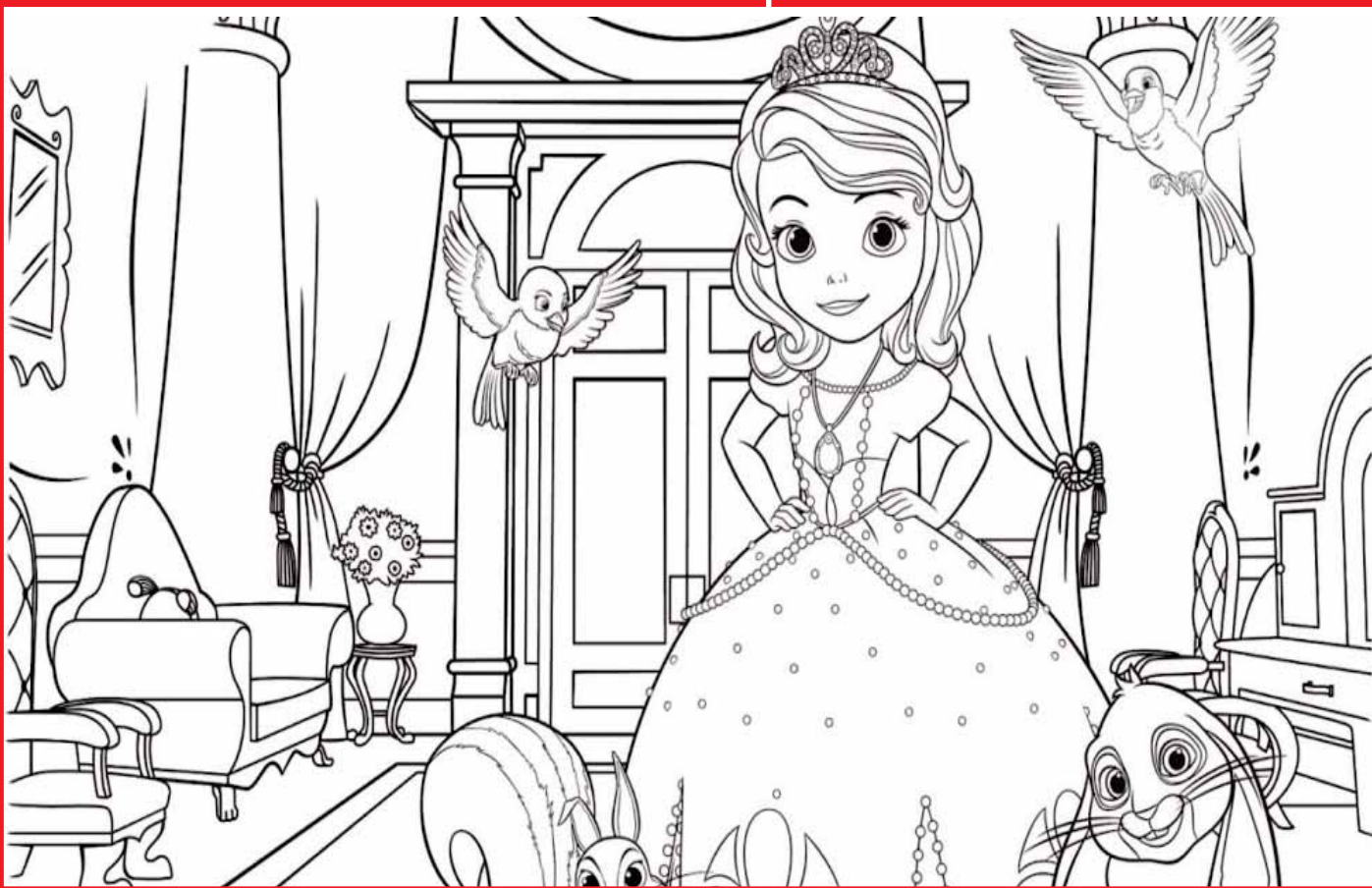
## It's Me



**My name:** Sandeepa Halder  
**My school:** AIS Noida  
**My Class:** I  
**My birthday:** April 5  
**I like:** Swimming  
**I dislike:** Sleeping  
**My hobby:** Watching videos  
**My role model:** My father  
**My best friend:** Keerat  
**My favourite book:** Beauty and the Beast  
**My favourite game:** Subway surfer  
**My favourite mall:** DLF Mall of India  
**My favourite food:** Pasta  
**My favourite teacher:** Sulekha Ma'am  
**My favourite poem:** Old MacDonald's  
**My favourite subject:** English  
**I want to become:** A doctor  
**I want to feature in GT because:** It's the best newspaper and by featuring in this, I will be popular among my friends.

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Dogs wag tail to the right when they're happy and to the left when they are frightened.

# Odyssey of the Mind

The creative problem solving science competition gives Amitians an opportunity to compete on an International forum and prove their mettle



Amitians participate in the Odyssey of the Mind- Euro Fest competition

## Children Science Foundation

52 teams from Amity International Schools participated in the regional round of the Odyssey of the Mind (OotM). Twenty teams qualified for participation in the International round of OotM where some took part in OotM Euro others in the others in the World Finals.

### @ Euro Fest

Six teams from Amity International Schools comprising one team each from AIS Gurugram 46, AIS Vasundhara 6, AIS Noida, AIS Mayur Vihar and two teams from AIS Saket participated in Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) - Euro Fest 2017 held

from April 23-28, 2017 in Belarus. The fest saw a participation of 63 teams from all over the world including USA, China, Mexico, Korea, Columbia, Germany, Poland Uruguay, etc. The opportunity extended by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF organised under the aegis of Amity's Children Science Foundation (CSF), enables students to think innovatively and instill a scientific temperament in them. This creative extravaganza is a global event which aims at bridging the language and cultural differences as students mingle and collaborate with International peers on an international platform. The students gave presentation

on solutions for long and spontaneous problems. Their challenge was to work with teams from other countries with diverse cultures and languages. The long term problems were awarded rankings and all the participants awarded with medals and trophies for Mixed Team performances and the prestigious Omer Award, given away to a team for meeting all the challenges in finding a creative solution to the problem.

AIS Gurugram 46 obtained first position in the long term problems followed by AIS Noida, AIS Saket and AIS Vas 6 on second, third and fourth positions, respectively. The team from AIS Saket bagged the prestigious OMER award.

### @ World Finals

The world finale of Odyssey of the Mind was conducted at the huge campus of Michigan State University, USA from May 24-27, 2017. The finale was a creative extravaganza wherein more than 850 teams from all around the world comprising countries as Canada, China, Japan, Russia, Poland, Germany, Slovakia, Switzerland, etc. participated. At Michigan State University, the teams represented their states and countries, fighting for the title of 'World's most creative problem solvers'. Three teams from Amity Schools comprising two teams from AIS Gur 46 and one team from AIS Noida comprising The Indian Team won the 'Top Float Award' for the 6th consecutive year since 2012. Students also participated in the pre-defined long term problem and the spontaneous hands on problem that were highly appreciated by the judges. They also took part in activities like 'The Creativity Festival, NASA activities and Pin Trading'. Team AIS Noida worked on a structure problem and was ranked amongst the top 10 teams of the world. The students had a great experience that gave them an opportunity to interact with participants from various countries. [GFI](#)



Chairperson with All India CBSE Topper Raksha Gopal

## Felicitation ceremony of CBSE toppers

Amity takes great pride to have produced great minds at academics

### Amity Group of Schools

Amity Group of Schools organised a felicitation ceremony conducted by Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations (AICE) for the CBSE Class XII toppers of 2017 at Amity University, Noida on June 3, 2017. It was a matter of high prestige for Amity schools as its students did exceptionally well in the Class XII Board Examinations 2017. The ceremony saw the presence of Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, and other esteemed dignitaries of Amity family. V Ramgopal Rao, Director, IIT Delhi, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Raksha Gopal, a Class XII student of AIS Noida achieved the highest ranking of 99.6% in the country in CBSE Board Examinations 2017 and was felicitated with the National Topper Award. It was certainly a moment of great pride for Amity announcing

its city CBSE toppers from Gurugram and Ghaziabad regions too. Anshika Pradhan & Nitya Chopra from AIS Gur 46 scored 98.4% in Science and 98.4% in Humanities, respectively. Both the students became the city toppers of Gurugram region. Amogha GS kept the Amity flag high by scoring 98.8% in Humanities and becoming the city topper of Ghaziabad. The event witnessed the participation of all high scorers of Boards 2017 from all the branches of Amity schools and felicitated the students in three categories- 'School Topper', 'Perfect 100' & 'Super 99'. Raksha Gopal and the three other city toppers were awarded with special citations and trophies in the ceremony.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of saplings to the guests, Principals of all AIS branches and heads of Amity institutions for contributing towards the success of the 2017 Board Exam Results. [GFI](#)

## GCI HS MUN 2017

The conference gives a global platform to students to understand UN working & create global leaders



Participants at GCI HS MUN

### AERC

A four member team from different branches of AIS i.e PV, Noida and Gur 46, alongwith mentor teacher Sumedh Kapoor from AIS Saket participated in the Global Classrooms Intl. High School Model United Nations 2017 (GCI HS MUN) conference held from May 11-13, 2017. The three day conference held at The Grand Hyatt, New York, attended by about 2400 delegates belonging to over 35 different nations had students take part in different committees such as DISEC, ECOSOC, SOCHUM, SC, WHO, IAEA and CND.

The great opportunity extended by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF to create world class leaders was organised under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC). The first day of the conference was dedicated to a training session given by host students from the Lebanese American University. During the session, the delegates were briefed about the rules of MUN procedures to proper format of a draft resolution. On the main day of the conference, Yashvi and Divyam from AIS PV became the delegates of Antigua and Barbuda in the social, cultural and humanitarian committee, while Lakshaya Khurana and Palak Yadav from AIS Noida and AIS Gur 46 respectively represented Ecuador in the Security Council.

The participants Palak and Lakshaya, co-delegates of Ecuador, won an honourable mention at the prestigious conference. The grand closing ceremony of GCI HS MUN was held at UN Headquarters in New York, making the experience a memorable one for all the participants. It was indeed a great learning opportunity for the students. [GFI](#)

### AIS VKC Lucknow



Proud awardees pose on stage with school Principal and Suresh Kumar Srivastava

## Annual prize distribution ceremony

The school held its junior annual prize distribution ceremony on April 29, 2017. The ceremony was organised to acknowledge the outstanding performances of children in academics and co-curricular activities. A large number of parents and grandparents attended the ceremony to see their children receive the awards and trophies for their achievements.

The ceremonial lamp was lit by the chief guest Suresh Kumar Srivastava, MLA, Lucknow. The ceremony commenced with a prayer song followed by a welcome dance performance by the students. The little kids of Nursery and KG received trophies and certificates for co-curricular categories such as most amazing friend, dancing diva, beautiful hand writing, awesome artist, best orator and nightingale of the

class. The students of Class I to V were awarded in co-scholastic categories like Best in English, Hindi, Math, etc. and also for their achievements in academics. The chief guest appreciated the efforts of the school for inculcating the values of patriotism and love for mother tongue among its students. The ceremony concluded with vote of thanks followed by school song presented by the school choir. [GFI](#)



Little kids enjoy at the mango orchard

## Picnic at mango orchard

On the last day before the break of the summer vacations i.e. May 12, 2017, students of Class Nursery to V, were taken for a picnic to a mango orchard.

Dressed in attractive yellow and green dresses, children enjoyed climbing the trees, playing games with Frisbees & balls and dancing to Bollywood numbers. They also enjoyed sharing their tiffin's with their friends. [GFI](#)

## Just a Minute competition

The school organised an Inter-house Just a Minute (JAM) competition for the students of Class II to V on May 8, 2017. The students were given the choice to pick any topic from a pool of subjects such as 'If I was given a magical lamp,' 'My aim in life,' 'My favourite season,' 'I am a true Amitian,' etc.

The participants showcased their talent by speaking confidently on stage. The competition was judged by Headmistress, Tanuja Singh. The first position was bagged by Pawani followed by Alaknanda house on the second position. Hrishangi Tomar (V) & Siddharth Sharma (II) were adjudged the 'Best speakers'.

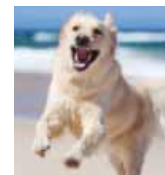


A student speaks



A dog twitching or whimpering in their sleep means they are dreaming just like humans.

All top quotes compiled by  
Vidhi Ojha, AIS Gur 43, IV



# Aamtantra

*Mangoes. No, it's not just a fruit. It's the best respite from the tropical country's sveltering heat. It's a story that narrates the tale of the country's endless flavours. It's an experience, one that is devoured with sloppy hands and smacked all over the face. Here's presenting the pride of the nation, in multiple shades of its glory*

## SAFEDA

**Grown in:** Andhra Pradesh

**Season:** April-June

**How to spot one:**

- Bright yellow skin colour
- Oval in shape
- Slightly sour in taste
- Large in size, one piece weighs 350-400 gm on an average

**FYI:**

- Also known as Banganapalli
- Has bagged a Geographical Indication tag.
- Named after Banganapalle- a town in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh.

## LANGRA

**Grown in:** Uttar Pradesh (Varanasi)

**Season:** Mid July to August

**How to spot one:**

- Slightly greenish in colour
- The flesh is fiber-less
- Strong smell when it ripens

**FYI:**

- Maintains its green colour after it gets ripe



- Super juicy and flavoursome
- Scarcely fibrous

**Trivia:** The mango was first cultivated in the farmland of a 'lame' man, from where it derives its name.

## PAIRI

**Grown in:** Gujarat

**Season:** May- June

**How to spot one:**

- Skin colour has a reddish tinge
- Slightly sour taste hidden in the midst of sweetness

**FYI:**

- Fibrous and juicy must be consumed quickly
- Does not last long, hence, ■ Used to make *aamras*



## NEELAM

**Grown in:** Primarily Telangana and all over the country

**Season:** May-July

**How to spot one:**

- Smaller in size compared to other mangoes
- Skin colour is orange
- Peculiar fragrance

**FYI:**

- A favourite in Hyderabad
- Used in fruit breads, cake, tarts, fruit drinks milkshakes etc.



## DUSSEHRI

**Grown in:** Uttar Pradesh

**Season:** June- July

**How to spot one:**

- Perfect shape
- Usually long
- Strong aroma

- Bright yellow in colour
  - Can be easily softened by pressing it lightly
- FYI:**
- Used to make chutney and aam ras.
  - Typically grown in Malihabad belt, 30km from Lucknow

*Text by: Abhilash Rout, GT Network*

## ALPHONSO

**Grown in:** Maharashtra (Also grown in Gujarat, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh)

**Season:** May to June

**How to spot one:**

- Small in size; spherical in shape
- Bright golden yellow in colour with a tinge of red

**FYI:**

- Most expensive variety of mangoes, can cost up to Rs 200 a piece



- Also known as the 'King of mangoes'
  - Primarily exported
- Trivia:** They are named after Afonso de Albuquerque, a Portuguese general and military expert who helped establish Portuguese colonies in India.

## KESAR

**Grown in:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat

**Season:** June – early July

**How to spot one:**

- Skin is greener than most other mangoes
- Colour of the pulp resembles Saffron, based on which it is named
- Has a strong aroma

**FYI:**

- Also known as Gir kesar
- Used to make aamras in Gujarat
- Given Geographical Indication status.

■ Grown in the district of Junagadh and Amreli in Gujarat.

■ Majorly exported to Australia

**Trivia:** When the Nawab of Junagadh Muhammad Mahabat Khan III said "This is kesar" referring to the orange pulp of the mango, it began to be known as 'Kesar'.



## TOTAPURI

**Grown in:** Tamil Nadu

**Season:** June – July

**How to spot one:**

- The tip looks like a parrot's beak, from where the mango gets its name
- Not sweet like other mangoes

mangoes

**FYI:**

- Used primarily for salad and dishes

- Also known as Gini-moothi, Collector, Kallamai, Killi Mooku
- Parent of two Florida Mango variety Anderson and Brooks

## HIMSAGAR

**Grown in:** West Bengal

**Season:** May

**How to spot one:**

- Medium sized
- Greenish in colour
- Sweet aroma
- Fiber less

- Also known as Maldahi in Bihar

**FYI:**

- Available only for four weeks
- Used for making juices and in desserts
- Has a geographical indication tag



## CHAUNSA

**Grown in:** Himachal Pradesh and Bihar

**Season:** July to August

**How to spot one:**

- Medium sized and rectangular in shape
- Sweet pulp
- Bright yellow in colour

**FYI:**

- Available at the end of the mango season
- Best variety comes from Pakistan.
- White Chunsas, consid-



ered best due to longer shelf life

**Trivia:** Name came about when Sher Shah Suri was celebrating his victory over Himayun in Chausa in Bihar.

## MULGOBA

**Grown in:** Tamil Nadu

**Season:** May

**How to spot one:**

- Large and round in shape
- Retains green colour even when ripe
- A late ripening mango

**FYI:**

Known as the 'Alphonso of South India'

**Trivia:** Twelve grafted mangoes were shipped to South Florida for horticulturalists. 10 of the 12 trees died by

1895 due to extreme winters. However tree labeled as 'Mulgoba' produced its first fruit. The florida variety of this mango is more yellowish in colour.



## GT Travels to Ranthambore



Sargun Arora, AIS Vas 1, II poses with her copy of The Global Times in front of the Nahargarh Palace, Ranthambore, Rajasthan. Set in 16th century type fortress, the magnificent palace is situated in the midst of the Ranthambore forest. It hosts the Ranthambore festival, where Indian musical luminaries, business leaders and nature conservationists come on a single platform.

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